AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims below replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal projector comprising:

operation means for operating a liquid crystal projector;

means for previously registering a password;

means for ~~entering~~ onscreen displaying, in a case where the password is registered, a password entry screen when the power to the liquid crystal projector is turned on;

means for comparing the password entered on the password entry screen with the registered password and making it possible to operate the liquid crystal projector by the operation means only when both the passwords coincide with each other; and

means for determining a number of times an erroneous password is entered and inhibiting operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation means in response to determining that the number of times an erroneous password is entered exceeds a predetermined number of times.

2. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal projector comprising:

an operation unit for operating a liquid crystal projector;

a circuit for previously registering a password;

a circuit for ~~entering~~ onscreen displaying, in a case where the password is registered, a password entry screen when the power to the liquid crystal projector is turned on;

a circuit for comparing the password entered on the password entry screen with the

registered password and making it possible to operate the liquid crystal projector by the operation

unit only when both the passwords coincide with each other; and

a determining circuit to determine a number of times an erroneous password is entered

and to inhibit operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation unit in response to

determining that the number of times an erroneous password is entered exceeds a predetermined

number of times.

3. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal projector system for regulating use of a liquid

crystal projector, comprising:

an external computer for operating the liquid crystal projector, the external computer

being connected to the liquid crystal projector by radio or wire and including liquid crystal

projector controlling software for controlling the liquid crystal projector;

the liquid crystal projector comprising

operation means for operating the liquid crystal projector;

means for registering a password in the liquid crystal projector;

means for determining whether a password is registered in the liquid crystal

projector in response to a power supply of the liquid crystal projector being turned on;

means for <u>onscreen displaying a password entry screen, for</u> ~~both~~ inhibiting

operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation means ~~and,~~ <u>as well as</u> for waiting until a

password is received from the external computer in response to detecting that the password is

registered in the liquid crystal projector;

means for comparing, in response to receiving the password from the external computer, the received password with the registered password and for allowing operation of the liquid crystal projector by the external computer in response to the means for comparing indicating that both the registered password and the password received from the external computer coincide with each other; and

means for determining a number of times an erroneous password is entered and inhibiting operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation means in response to determining that the number of times an erroneous password is entered exceeds a predetermined number of times.

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal projector system for regulating use of a liquid crystal projector, comprising:

an external computer for operating the liquid crystal projector, the external computer being connected to the liquid crystal projector by radio or wire and including liquid crystal projector controlling software for controlling the liquid crystal projector;

the liquid crystal projector comprising:

an operation unit for operating the liquid crystal projector;

a circuit for previously registering a password in the liquid crystal projector;

a determining unit to determine whether a password is registered in the liquid crystal projector in response to a power supply of the liquid crystal projector being turned on;

a circuit for ~~both~~ onscreen displaying a password entry screen, for inhibiting

operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation unit ~~and,~~ as well as for waiting until a

password is received from the external computer in response to detecting that the password is

registered in the liquid crystal projector;

a circuit for comparing, in response to receiving the password from the external

computer, the received password with the registered password and allowing operation of the

liquid crystal projector by the external computer in response to the circuit for comparing

indicating that the registered password and the password received from the external computer

coincide with each other; and

a determining circuit to determine a number of times an erroneous password is

entered and to inhibit operation of the liquid crystal projector by the operation unit in response to

determining that the number of times an erroneous password is entered exceeds a predetermined

number of times.